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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Hon. Pat Miller  
Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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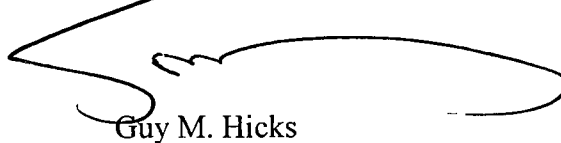
Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*  
Docket No. **0400366**

Dear Chairman Miller:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Z-Tel Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and fourteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement dated April 18, 2003. The Amendment relates to Local Portability Recovery.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Peggy Rubino, Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc and Z-Tel Communications, Inc Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE**  
**AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**  
**NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**AND Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COME NOW, Z-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Z-Tel") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated April 18, 2003 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, Z-Tel and BellSouth state the following:

1. Z-Tel and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Z-Tel. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on June 2, 2003

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which relates to Local Portability Recovery. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Z-Tel and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and

approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and Z-Tel within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. Z-Tel and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

6. Pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809, BellSouth shall make available the entire Interconnection Agreement approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

Z-Tel and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 20 day of Oct, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

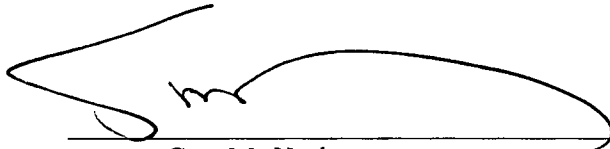
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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 20 day of Oct, 2004:

Peggy Rubino  
Z-Tel Communications, Inc.  
601 South Harbour Island Blvd.  
Suite 220  
Tampa, FL 33602

  
Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment  
To the  
Interconnection Agreement  
Between  
Z-Tel Communications, Inc.  
and  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Dated April 18, 2003**

**Tennessee**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), Z-Tel Communications, Inc ("Z-Tel"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated April 18, 2003 ("Agreement") to be effective on the date of the last signature executing the Amendment

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Z-Tel entered into the Agreement on April 18, 2003, and,

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Z-Tel are amending the Agreement to modify Local Number Portability (LNP) recovery charge pursuant to the Order in the matter of the Telephone Number Portability BellSouth Corporation Petition for Declaratory Ruling and/or Waiver, CC Docket No 95-116, released April 13, 2004,

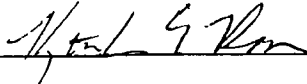
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows

1. The Parties agree to delete in their entirety all rate elements and USOCs identified as "Local Number Portability charges" in Table 1 of Attachment 1, as specified by the following USOCs LNPCX, LNPCP, LNPCN, and LNPCC
2. The Parties agree to add the following language to Sections 5 and 7, as new Sections 5 10 and 7 8, respectively, of Attachment 3.
  - In addition to other charges specified in this Agreement for Local Number Portability Z-Tel shall pay to BellSouth the Local Number Portability charges as set forth in Section 13 of the BellSouth FCC No 1 Tariff;
3. All of the other provisions of the Agreement dated April 18, 2003 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
4. Either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment the day and year written below

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

By



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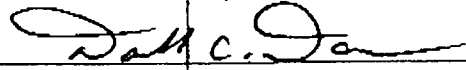
Title: Director

Date:

9/21/04

**Z-Tel Communications, Inc.**

By:



Name: DONALD C. DAVES

Title:

SR. VICE PRESIDENT

Date:

9/3/04